



Top 5 Ways to *Dirty Dance* in Lake Lure, N.C.

Shimmy, swing, shag and strut your heart out at one of Western North Carolina's most notable dance festivals. We are giving fans around the world a chance to channel your inner "Baby and Johnny" across multiple platforms for two days this September. Whether you have two left feet or can tread circles around the best of us, this dance-packed weekend offers everything a true fan desires from lessons to main stage performances.



Movie-inspired Dance Lessons by The Asheville Ballet

Like so many of us growing up in the 80s, the movie *Dirty Dancing* captured our dreams of one day discovering the magic of love and finding our soul mate through the power of dance, the way Frances Houseman and Johnny Castle did one summer in the Catskills. Well in Lake Lure, NC, your dreams of being lifted like "Baby" and swaying like "Swayze" come alive as we step onto the set of our all-time favorite indie film. So, get into the spirit of the era, dress up as your favorite character, grab your Keds, and head to the backdrop where it all began, where you can really shake it down.

Here are the various ways you can dance at the 10th annual Dirty Dancing Festival:

Hot Lake Lure Nights -

Get the festivities started on Friday night under the main dance tent and experience what Dirty Dancing is all about; soul dancing partnered with a little mix of Latin fusion. Spartanburg's premier instructor Natalie Foreverland joins the festival for the first time to show you how to ballroom, swing and three-step. With Foreverland Dance, fans will be reminded of the movie's hot dance sequences portrayed by the sultry dancers in the staff quarters. Grab your partner and take part in the 30-minute sessions from 5 pm - 8 pm learning the free-form, sensuous styles of dancing the Mambo, Salsa, Bachata, Waltz and Foxtrot.



Kellerman's Talent Show

Movie-inspired Dance Lessons -

We invite you to relive the memories of Baby's first dance, and many others, with the return of the Asheville Ballet dancers, and Johnny look-alike lead instructor Lyle Laney. On Saturday, from 9 am - 3 pm, watch and imitate dance routines to the film's soundtrack and embrace the timeless romance and light-hearted fun as the team brings to life the choreography of Kenny Ortega for festivalgoers to reenact. Whether you have spaghetti arms, like to invade dance spaces or always put your heel down, this is your chance to learn all the moves you've yearned to know all these years.

Think you have what it takes to earn your spot on stage? Volunteer to participate with the Asheville Ballet dancers in the festival's end-of-day performance of Kellerman's Talent Show. The audience will be seduced with nostalgia as the Kellerman's Anthem begins to play, followed by Lisa's "Hula Hana"

dance. Then, the pivotal moment unfolds when the final dance, “I’ve Had the Time of My Life,” is performed.

Shag Lessons & Competition -

Many decades ago Shag was born on the beaches of South Carolina and quickly rose to popularity as “shaggers” stepped and twirled to the rhythm of beach music. More so today, Shagging is a big part of Southeastern pop-culture, and here in Lake Lure, we make the Carolina Shag known throughout the Dirty Dancing Festival. During the morning hours on Saturday, attendees are given the chance to learn Shag steps in 30-minute sessions from professional instructor Natalie Foreverland.

Then, give your confidence a boost and sign up to show off your fancy footwork at the Amateur-Intermediate Shag Competition, held on the main stage dance floor. Shag to the DJ’s Choice contest while guest judges evaluate your skills for a chance to win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place awarding you bragging rights and cool swag.



Couple Dancing

Open Floor Dance with Live Music -

“God wouldn’t have given you maracas if He didn’t want you to shake ’em!” As Penny declared, this is your time to feel the freedom and let loose on the open dance floor as the high energy sounds of Soul, Motown, R&B, and Beach bands take to the stage performing classic hits from the movie’s era for the entire crowd. This year the festival features The Extraordinaires on Friday night from 6 pm – 8 pm, on Saturday, the Carolina Coast Band from 9:30 am - 11:30 am, and legendary performance by The Band of Oz from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. This spectacular lineup of entertainment will surely get you out of your seats and up boogieing on the dance floor.

Dirty Dancing Festival After Parties -

The festival concludes on the Beach at Lake Lure with the infamous Lake Lift Competition, but that doesn't mean the dancing has to come to an end. The party continues in every "*Dirty Dancing*" way throughout the night in the Hickory Nut Gorge at three different locations:

1. The 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa will host their party on the Beach at Lake Lure with a DJ, food, drinks and games.
2. Rumbling Bald Resort throws a large shindig under their pavilion including performances by the Asheville Ballet, live music and dancing, a lakeside film screening, beachside cookout, and tours to the 16th hole.
3. The Geneva Riverside Tiki Bar & Grill, located between Lake Lure and Chimney Rock Village, plans to hold their annual riverside party with DJ music, dancing and dinner specials.

September will be here before you know it and we are thrilled to celebrate our 10th anniversary dancing with all our fans this year. For more information about the festival and to purchase tickets online visit www.DirtyDancingFestival.com.